

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A data processing apparatus, comprising:

a data input unit for inputting data;

a data storage unit including a first storage section and a second storage section for storing the input data, wherein the first storage section is configured to store the input data temporarily and the second storage section is partitioned based on properties of the input data;

an outputting unit configured to perform output processing on the input data;

a data control unit configured to distribute the input data to either the first storage section or the second storage section depending on a property of the input data and transfer the stored input data from the first storage section to the partitioned region of the second storage section according to the properties of the input data, wherein the input data stored in the first storage section is deleted from the first storage section after being transferred to the partitioned region of the second storage section; and

a data delete control unit configured to delete the stored input data in the second storage section, set a deletion condition of the stored input data in the second storage section, and control deletion of the stored input data in the second storage section based on the deletion condition.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 10, wherein the data control unit distributes the input data having the property of confidentiality to the second storage section.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

a confidentiality setting section for setting the input data as confidential, wherein the deletion condition is set in each data job when the input data is set to be confidential.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:
a date inputting section for inputting a date as the deletion condition; and
a calendar detecting section for detecting the date corresponding to the inputted date,
wherein the stored input data in the second storage section is deleted when the date corresponding to the inputted date is detected.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:
a confidentiality setting section for setting the input data as confidential; and
a determination level inputting section for inputting a determination level depending on a level of secrecy or importance of the input data when the input data is set as confidential.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:
an automatic deletion section for deleting the stored input data automatically when the deletion condition is satisfied, wherein the determination level is classified into a plurality of classes, and each of the classes is used as the deletion condition.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the deletion condition is a date for deletion of the stored input data.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the deletion condition is a situation of a location of a person of the confidentiality setting.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The data processing apparatus of claim 10, wherein the data control unit is a memory controller connected to the first storage section and the second storage section.